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LB 1010
LR 234

Legislature passed a couple years ago. Generally speaking, that has met with very great approval from actually both sides in that it clarified the rules and it made a single initiative and referendum process commonly available and understood. Some phrases, however, are in need of clarification; for example, a precise definition of residence; a precise definition of the verification of the City Clerk upon receiving the petition and what that means to the city; a clarification of court jurisdiction, in other words, being able to give a declaratory judgment as to whether an enactment is subject to recall or referendum; to clarify the use of the words, enact, pass and adopt so that we know when the time period begins to run for initiative referendums; allow the governing body by resolution to allow an issue as soon as possible to be submitted to the vote, in other words, a special election for such issues; and provide that measures considered at a recall election...I'm sorry, at a referendum or initiative election shall not be voted upon again for one year to preclude repetitive elections on the same issue. I would move for the advancement of LB 1010.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance LB 1010, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The bill is advanced. LR 234.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 234 is introduced by Senator Newell. It will propose a constitutional amendment to Article VIII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska. It was read on January 5 of this year. It was referred to the Constitutional Revision Committee for hearing. It was advanced to General File with committee amendments attached.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes. Senator Labedz is not here today so I